Amendments to specification

The specification is amended to replace the following paragraphs as indicated:

Page 2, lines 4-18:

Research materials can comprise files in various formats, from unstructured strings of characters, sentences, or text files, to very highly structured data. They can be of a wide variety of data classes, such as words, numbers, graphics, etc. In other cases, the research materials might be contained, for example, in a database. A simple database might be comprised of a single file containing many records, each of which contains the same set of content elements (sometimes referred to as fields, items, etc.) where each content element is a certain fixed width and a certain format. More complex databases often contain a large number of files, with each file itself containing many, many records of both fixed and variable-width content elements in a variety of formats. One great advantage of searching databases by computer is that the user may determine how broadly or narrowly to conduct searches, allowing the user, to a certain extent, to control the number of responsive records. This is especially helpful because researchers, to be thorough, frequently must review each responsive record, often numbering in the hundreds or thousands. One example of this type of text retrieval system is Anglo-Dutch conglomerate Reed-Elsevier's "Lexis/Nexis" system.

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Page 6, lines 8-16:

In yet another aspect of the present invention, information retrieved from searches over databases of subsequent history information for such legal materials is displayed in user-defined lists. This embodiment includes displaying a list of document titles in a side panel while viewing the full text of any document returned by the search. In a further aspect of the present invention, a list of the titles of responsive records, as well as user-defined portions of those

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records, are displayed. In yet a further aspect of the present invention, the responsive records whose identifiers, title, or other content elements are to be displayed, are identified by use of an apparatus that uses the searching and sorting methods described below.

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